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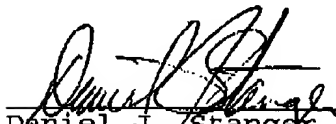
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments